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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL BRAZILIAN REACTION TO ISRAELI RAID ON TUWAISHA NUCLEAR FACILITY
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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT).
2. OFFICIAL GOB REACTION TO ISRAELI BOMBING OF IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY HAS BEEN SHARP, BUT WELL WITHIN INTERNATIONAL MAINSTREAM. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN (PERICAS) CONDEMNED RAID IN STATEMENT TO PRESS JUNE 8. ON JUNE 12, FOREIGN MINISTER GUERREIRO PUBLICLY CHARACTERIZED ATTACK AS "A VIOLATION OF THE UN CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL LAW." BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING JUNE 12 REPORTEDLY VOTED WITH 28 OTHERS TO CONDEMN ISRAELI ACTION, BUT
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STIPULATED A RESERVATION THAT IAEA NOT CUT TIES WITH ISRAEL. BRAZILIAN UN REP (CORREA) SOLICITED SECURITY COUNCIL FLOOR JUNE 13 (BRAZIL IS NOT SC MEMBER) AND DESCRIBED ISRAELI ATTACK AS "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW." CORREA ASSERTED THAT NOTION OF "PREVENTIVE AGGRESSION IS UNACCEPTABLE IN TERMS OF JURIDICAL SYSTEM WHICH LINKS ALL NATIONS. TOLERATING (THIS NOTTION) WOULD LEAD TO DESTRUCTION OF UN AND DISAPPEARANCE OF ALL HOPE OF COEXISTENCE BETWEEN STATES." AMBASSADOR ALSO REMARKED THAT THE ISRAELI RAID HAD CONSIDERABLY INCREASED TENSION IN MIDDLE EAST, AND HAD DEALT SETBACK TO PROSPECTS FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE.
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